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Yellowstone County voters outside the cities of Billings and Laurel voted on November 3 to establish a county library service, by contracting with an existing city library. The vote carried, by 3,632 to 2,531. This is the second time that voters have exercised their right to determine the question of countywide library service under R.C.M. 44-219(3); Beaverhead County voters also approved such service in June 1970. The October 31 newsletter is dated November 5, to carry this news.

Montana Library Association Executive Board met in Missoula on October 17 to consider, among other items, plans for National Library Week 1971, and the MLA annual conference. Mrs. Helen Dresen of Montana State University is Executive Director of the 1971 NLW program. An announcement of significant plans for NLW will be made soon.

The MLA Conference will be held at Missoula May 14 and 15. Plans for a program to involve all interests in the Association were discussed. Mrs. Mabel Brewer, President, reported to the Board that a questionnaire survey of members attending the 1970 meeting indicate a strong preference for a workshop type of conference.

The MLA Intellectual Freedom Committee is collecting written book selection policies from Montana Libraries, for use by other libraries wishing to write or revise their policies. Libraries are asked to send copies of their policies to Roger Spillers, Intellectual Freedom Committee chairman, at the Helena Public Library.

The Board of Directors of the Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center (representing Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, and Washington,) engaged Mrs. Lura Currier as Acting Director, and Miss Mildred Hill as Bibliographic Consultant, at its meeting September 25. Don Duncan, Washington State Library, is Chairman of the PNBC Board; David Hoffman, Montana State Library, is vice-chairman. Other members of the Board are Eloise Ebert, Oregon; Eli Oboler, Idaho; Bob Geiman, Alaska; and Willard Youngs, representing the Pacific Northwest Library Association.

Public and School Librarians in Lincoln, Sanders, and Flathead Counties met for a North-west Montana Federation workshop in Kalispellon October 30. Mrs. Inez Herrig, Federation Coordinator, led a discussion on organization and use of non-print materials in libraries. Seven school and six public librarians attended, along with David Hoffman and Phyllis Maggeroli of the State Library.

Great Falls Public Library has announced the appointment of <u>Patricia Hull</u> to its reference department staff. Miss Hull is a graduate of the library school of the University of Washington.

Mrs. Nadine Langan has been appointed Circulation Clerk at the State Library replacing Mrs. Wanda Thompson.

David R. Hoffman Acting State Librarian

